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Precisely Trimming the Meat Tray from an Expanded Foam Web

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Please amend Figures 7 and 10 as shown on the attached copies of Figures 7 and 10. The proposed changes are indicated in red on attached copies. Specifically, Figure 7 has been amended to add reference numeral "43", and Figure 10 has been amended to add reference numeral "85" to more distinctly identify features disclosed in such figures.

Please also enter the enclosed formal drawings in the above-referenced application in place of the originally filed drawings. The formal drawings incorporate the proposed changes. The changes were required by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003.

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Acknowledgment of receipt of the formal drawing sheets and their acceptance into the file is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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5. Fee Transmittal
6. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
7. Response to June 4, 2003 Final Office Action Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination
8. Letter Requesting Drawing Amendment and Submission of Formal Drawings with attached
  - a. Red-lined drawings
  - b. Replacement drawings
9. Formal Drawings

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